

Clean Hands, Dirty Hands... No Hands!

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Seven years ago Oliver Stone and Peter Kuznick wrote a book (and Stone followed with a 10 part series on The Showtime Channel) The Untold History of the United States. This is a 'must read' or 'should view' for anyone who wishes to understand more about the true history of this great nation from The New Deal on. Although this writer has read countless books on the subjects covered by Stone and Kuznick, I found information that I never knew before.

If only all our high school history students could have the opportunity to read and discuss the book in class, and balance it with what the mainstream educational system tosses their way. So, for those of you out there who will nod affirmatively as to what Stone & Kuznick report, you have clean hands. Simply put, you were against the acts of aggression that our leaders have orchestrated in our name. The most heinous of all being the hidden truth of 9/11 and what followed in the illegal and immoral invasions and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. Of course, just having clean hands is only half of it all. The real challenge is to use those clean hands to show others who may be not so aware that truth is paramount. Speaking up and speaking out for a better way for us all to live is part of the cleansing process.

Too many of our former leaders and their *handlers* have had *dirty hands*.

This Military Industrial Empire, AKA The Deep State, has been responsible for most of the mess this world finds itself in.

By manipulating countless countries and strangling their voices for democracy, and then placing into power murderous and greedy puppets, the *blowback* has been tremendous.

As the Stone & Kuznick book explains, it has always been about control of resources, cheap labor and markets abroad. It has *never* been about freedom for others... many of our own citizens have seen that *Big Lie* right here at home.

Sadly, the *dirty hands* of our 21st Century leaders have equaled or outdone the dirty hands of their predecessors. What the Bush/Cheney gang had done is unconscionable! To weave a campaign of half truths and outright lies so as to justify an act of aggression against a sovereign nation like Iraq is almost as low as one can ever get... unless of course if one focuses on the 9/11 con job. Hitler and Goebbels could not have spun a greater excuse for preemptive war. Sixteen years later many working stiffs still struggle on, as military spending sucks up more than *half* of our federal tax revenues.

The *dirty hands* who control what Eisenhower (he of his own *dirty hands*) called the *Military Industrial Complex* are the selfish men and women who profited from 9/11 and the

Iraq/Afghanistan invasions and occupations... to the tune of *hundreds of billions* of your tax dollars each and every year! Thus, that diverted money could have gone for *Medicare for All*, infrastructure repairs and upgrades (which would have softened the effects of Hurricanes Katrina , Sandy, Mathew, Harvey, Maria and Irma), schools and libraries... and so many other safety nets and needs.

The real sadness is those who, by their own choices, have *no hands*. They being unfortunately the *majority* of Americans, the *overwhelming* majority, who buy into the lies and fabrications, never once exhibiting what made America so great: *skepticism*. Either through apathy ("Hey, it ain't my kids who are being *Shock and Awed* or killed in uniform") or foolish jingoism ("USA USA...build the wall and Make America Great Again") they rally round a flag that has been hijacked and abused by those with *dirty hands*. These lemmings are more concerned about some famous celebrity's scandalous acts than the *truth* as to why 99% of us are confined to this financial treadmill. As long as they walk past we with *clean hands* and never listen or read what we are offering... Karma can be a bitch!

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